

MINUTES OF THE
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS
STREET COMMITTEE

March 10, 1998
MAG Office Building, Saguaro Conference Room
302 North First Avenue
Phoenix, Arizona

MEMBERS ATTENDING

Ron Krosting, Mesa, Chairman
Jess Jarvis, ADOT
*Jim Badowich for William Bates, Avondale
*Delbert Self, Buckeye
*Phil Hughes, Cave Creek
Ty Hofflander, Chandler
Warren Sparks, Gila Bend
*Urban Giff, Gila River Indian Community
Gary B. Thomas, Gilbert
Grant Anderson, Glendale
*Larry Martinez, Goodyear
Susanna Struble, Guadalupe

*Chris Plumb, Maricopa County
*William Mead, Paradise Valley
Burton Charron for Dan Nissen, Peoria
Don Herp, Phoenix
*Dick Schaner, Queen Creek
*Larry Keeler, Salt River Pima-Maricopa
Indian Community
Bob Brown for Alex McLaren, Scottsdale
Larry Shobe for Harvey Friedson, Tempe
Manuel Dominguez for Ralph Velez, Tolleson
Jesse Mendez for Don Needham, Youngtown

*Members neither present nor represented by Proxy

OTHERS PRESENT

Paul Ward, MAG

Anne MacCracken, MAG

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m. by Chairman Ron Krosting

2. Approval of the February 10, 1998 Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the February 10, 1998 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Report on the Status of Federally Funded Projects Programmed for Fiscal Years 1998 through 2000 and the Federal Fund Balances

Anne MacCracken reported that the only update to Attachment One is that the bid for Squaw Peak: Glendale to Bell FMS project has been delayed until October 1998.

4. Report on the MAG Potential Federal Funded Projects for Fiscal Years 1999 through 2003

Paul Ward, referring to Attachment Two, reported that the list of potential projects must still be recommended by the Management Committee and then approved by the Regional Counsel prior to being submitted for a conformity analysis. Mr. Ward reported that only ITS projects had been recommended for funding and no turning lane projects. He said that the project scoring in the Congestion Management System (CMS) may need to be redefined and that the Transportation Review Committee is looking at how MAG funds are allocated.

Mr. Ward stated that MAG is working under existing ISTEA projections and that there are likely to be more funds than originally programmed. He said that, given the possibility of as much as eight million dollars more this year, this is a good situation to accelerate projects. Mr. Ward stated that the projects listed in Attachment Two may not be advanced until they are part of a conforming TIP, and that an amendment of the 1998-2002 TIP could allow for the design of these projects this year.

5. Review of the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)

Mr. Ward reported that there are a few changes to the Draft FY 1999-2003 MAG TIP that was mailed out and that an errata sheet containing these changes will be mailed out to Street Committee Members for their review.

6. Potential MAG Federal Funds Close Out for Federal Fiscal Year 1998

Mr. Ward distributed the draft of the Potential Close Out for FY 1998 and said that the Close Out may be discussed by the Transportation Review Committee. He reported that the anticipated funding, found on line four, is a best estimate and, if there are not enough projects to spend funds on, then transit projects may be accelerated. Mr. Ward stated that there are also opportunities for jurisdictions to receive additional federal funding for their existing FY 1998 projects.

7. Status of FHWA Form 536 for Local Highway Finance Data

Mr. Ward stated that Form 536 is due **April 15, 1998**. He reported that, to date, only the City of Tolleson has submitted the form to ADOT and that last year only eight jurisdiction submitted Form 536 to ADOT. Mr. Ward reported that this issue would likely be referred to the TRC and possibly be referred to the Management Committee for possible action. One possible policy that has been discussed in the past was to withhold Federal Funds from jurisdictions that have not submitted the form to ADOT.

Jess Jarvis stated that he is happy to assist any jurisdiction that may need help. Mr. Ward understood that there may be a problem with who is responsible for completing the form. Ron Krosting said that the contact person should remain the Street Committee Member, and not the jurisdiction's accounting or budget department.

8. Highway Performance Monitoring System (HPMS)

Mr. Ward stated that the HPMS reporting requirement for MAG members was very limited last year, but that ADOT is requesting the usual level of input from jurisdictions this year. Mr. Ward said that during the last meeting the committee had a presentation on the ArcView system that some members may care to use. However, as only a few MAG jurisdictions have the ArcView program available, MAG is updating the runtime version of this database so that all members can update the required data. Mr. Ward reported that there are approximately 3000 records within the MAG region, but only a sample size of approximately 600 and said that most of the sample records are in Phoenix and the larger jurisdictions. Mr. Ward stated that MAG staff will supply the average daily traffic counts and traffic projections on behalf of the jurisdictions.

Don Herp asked if these are the same segments as reported in the past. Mr. Ward replied that they should be the same ones, as he was not aware of any changes to the sample segments. However, the data entry system has been improved and the segments will be presented in a slightly different format. In addition to the updated HPMS data, ADOT has requested that the number of miles of local streets also be updated, and that street classification will be based on Federal functional classifications. Mr. Ward stated that a memorandum describing the HPMS request for data and mileages would be mailed to jurisdictions within the next two weeks and requested that the mileage data be updated by April 10, 1998 and the full data to be updated by April 24, 1998. The Chairman asked if submittals could be made earlier, to allow MAG staff the opportunity to review the data. Steve Tate agreed that data could be submitted earlier, if the jurisdiction is willing, but that the above deadlines allow for a week for MAG staff to review the data prior to forwarding to ADOT by May 1, 1998.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 p.m.